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SUBJ: OPPOSITION GROUPS PROTEST PRESIDENT'S VISIT

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1. EMBASSY ON MAY 30 RECEIVED WRITTEN PROTEST STATEMENTS FROM SPANISH SOCIALIST AND LABOR PARTY (PSOE), COMMITTEE OF SIX CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS, AND FROM "SPANISH UNION", LIBERAL MONARCHIST OPPOSITION GROUP. STATEMENTS WERE DELIVERED BY MESSENGER OR RECEIVED IN MAIL.

2. PSOE STATEMENT, WHICH IS UNSIGNED, CALLS ON AMBASSADOR TO INFORM PRESIDENT THAT HIS VISIT WILL BE INTERPRETED AS US IDENTIFICATION WITH AND SUPPORT FOR FRANCO REGIME. THIS COMES AT TIME WHEN REGIME SHOWING LACK OF SUPPORT,
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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT. CONTINUES BY NOTING THAT SPAIN WITNESSING A RESURGENCE OF GOVERNMENT REPRESSION OF DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS, ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND "DRAMATIC REPRESSION" IN BASQUE COUNTRY. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PSOE CONCLUDES, VISIT IS AN "OFFENSE- AND "MOCKERY" TO SPANISH PEOPLE.

3. JOINT PROTEST SIGNED BY THREE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GROUPS (REPRESENTING MAJORITY OF SPAIN'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT) CLANDESTINE SOCIALIST UGT TRADE UNION, PSOE, AND SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC UNION SEES PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS SIGNIFYING US INTENTION TO ASSURE CONTINUED USE OF BASES AND SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF REGIME NOW IN CRISIS. FURTHER CLAIMS THAT DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL BE BINDING ON SPAIN ONLY IF FOLLOWING CONDITIONS, NOW ABSENT, EXIST: INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EXILES; UNIVERSAL FREE SUFFRAGE; POLITICAL PARTIES; FREELY ELECTED PARLIAMENT; AND FREE TRADE UNIONS. SINCE SPANISH STATE FAILS TO MEET THESE CONDITIONS, STATEMENT CONCLUDES, US FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM SPAIN.

4. PROTEST OF SPANISH UNION, SIGNED BY LIBERAL MONARCHIST JOAQUIN SATRUSTEQUI, WHO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH PRETENDER TO THRONE, DON JUAN DE BORBON, WARNS THAT FURTHER EXTENSION OF BASES AGREEMENT BY US WILL DEEPLY WOUND SPANISH DIGNITY UNLESS CONCLUDED WITH DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES. WOUND TO SPANISH DIGNITY WILL BE EVEN GREATER IF NO PROVISION MADE TO GUARANTEE SPAIN AGAINST ATTACK THAT MAY BE PROVOKED BY PRESENCE OF BASES ON ITS SOIL. STATEMENT ADDS THAT AS LONG POLITICAL SITUATION DOES NOT PERMIT US AND SPAIN TO DEAL ON BASIS OF EQUALITY US FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW. TO DO OTHERWISE IS TO ACCEPT FORM OF COLONIALISM.

5. COMMENT: PSOE AND JOINT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-SOCIALIST PROTESTS CLOSELY PARALLEL THAT OF JUNTA DEMOCRATICA (REFTEL) IN THEIR ARGUMENTS. REPORTEDLY BOTH PSOE AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO JOIN JUNTA, WERE CHAGRINED THAT JUNTA GOT IN ITS PROTEST WELL AHEAD
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OF THEM AND PRE-EMPTED THE BEST ARGUMENTS. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN OBLIQUE REFERENCES TO THESE PROTESTS BY SOME COLUMNISTS, NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED OR EVEN EXCERPTED IN PRESS.
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